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Navy to Test Emergency Communications During Trident Warrior '06 Exercise

What: The Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM) will host a media day for Trident Warrior '06, the Navy's major annual FORCEnet exercise, which will be conducted off the southern California coast and in the Pacific Operating Area this month. This year's exercise will focus on the President's National Plan to achieve Maritime Domain Awareness for the National Strategy for Maritime Security.

Trident Warrior, co-sponsored by NETWARCOM and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, exploits advanced technology concepts to provide the warfighter with information superiority.

Using Hurricane Katrina lessons learned, NETWARCOM will conduct disaster response communication experiments in near-real-time information sharing with federal, state and local agencies in the greater San Diego area.

How: USS Bonhomme Richard and supporting platforms from U.S. and coalition nations will participate in Trident Warrior '06

When: Wednesday, June 14, from 8:30 a.m. until noon (PDT)

Where: Media interested in attending briefings aboard the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), may contact Mr. John Donaldson, NETWARCOM Deputy Public Affairs Officer at 757-560-3527 for the complete itinerary and additional details.

Background: The primary method for information sharing is the national maritime Common Operational Picture (COP). The COP is a near-real time, dynamically tailorable, network-centric virtual information grid shared by all U.S. federal, state, and local agencies with maritime interests and responsibilities.

An inherently joint and coalition concept, FORCEnet is the key enabler of Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare that integrates Navy and Marine Corps capabilities. Trident Warrior successfully applies both the concept and the implementation of FORCEnet, Navy's exploitation of network-centric warfare.

About TEAM SPAWAR (<http://enterprise.spawar.navy.mil>)

Headquartered in San Diego, SPAWAR's Office of the Chief Engineer designs the architecture and standards for FORCEnet, the Navy's vision for network centric warfare and an essential element of the Sea Power 21 philosophy. SPAWAR's field activities and its Program Executive Office organizational partners acquire, align and field more than 100 C4I programs and projects to help make FORCEnet a reality. Together, TEAM SPAWAR lays the foundation for dramatic increases in current and future readiness while simultaneously implementing FORCEnet and a new era in warfighting capabilities.

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